

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment After Final filed on 11/14/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-7, 10-18, 29-33, 36-50, now renumbered 1-34.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20051202.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Elise Heilbrunn (Reg. No. 42,649) on November 29 2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows:
 - In claim 10, at line 1 on page 2, before "method", insert --computerized--, and at line 19 on page 3, replace "a" with "the".
 - In claim 11, at line 1 on page 3, before "method", insert --computerized--, and at line 19 on page 4, replace "a" with "the".
 - In claim 12, at line 1 on page 4, before "method", insert --computerized--, and at line 16 on page 5, replace "a" with "the".
 - In claim 42, at line 1 on page 9, before the first "computer-readable", insert --tangible--, and at line 19 on page 9, replace "a" with "the".
 - In claim 43, at line 18 on page 10, replace "a" with "the".
 - In claim 44, at line 19 on page 11, replace "a" with "the".
 - In claim 45, at line 1 on page 12, before the first "computer-readable", insert --tangible--, and at line 19 on page 12, replace "a" with "the".
 - In claim 46, at line 14 on page 13, replace "a" with "the".
 - In claim 47, at line 10 on page 14, replace "a" with "the".

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- In claim 48, at line 1 on page 14, before the first “computer-readable”, insert –tangible–, and at line 7 on page 15, replace “a” with “the”.
- In claim 49, at line 2 on page 16, replace “a” with “the”.
- In claim 50, at line 19 on page 16, replace “a” with “the”.

3. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or render obvious the limitations recited in claims 10-12 and 42-50, when taken in the context of the claims as a whole, specific to updating a branch table to identify an address at which the second one of the code modules is loaded after determining whether the first one of code modules is to subsequently execute the second code module, has an option of executing the second code module, or can subsequently execute the second code module, wherein the branch table is capable of including more than one branch or jump instruction.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Diem K. Cao whose telephone number is (571) 272-3760. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 5:30AM - 2:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Thomson can be reached on (571) 272-3718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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